Conversion of bridge into road

1470. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bridge no. 75 towards Naigoan end is being used for carrying the material from east to west;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has requested that this could be converted into facility of road, so as, to get a permanent road to the people of the surrounding areas;

(c) whether the Railways have pointed out that it is unsafe for public use;

(d) whether the Railways have been urged to remove the deficiencies, so that it would definitely become safe for the public use; and

(e) whether Railways have considered this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Quadrupling of Borivali-Virar rail line

1471. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of quadrupling between Borivali and Virar rail line was undertaken and the work is likely to be completed by 2007; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position of the project and whether this project is likely to be completed by 2007 as envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The work of quadrupling between Borivali-Virar rail line has already been completed and was inaugurated on 7th July, 2007.

Projects undertaken under Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana

1472. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects of new lines and gauge conversion have been undertaken under the Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana;

(b) out of these how many have crossed the original time schedule;

(c) the reasons for such delays and estimated escalation in the cost of projects; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed alongwith the revised date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The funds for the Yojana could not be tied up and hence no project has been undertaken under this Yojana.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Revenue from Dumdum to Kolkata circular railway

1473. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1292 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2006 and state:

(a) the number of passengers travelled by circular railway by the route Dumdum to Kolkata airport during last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the revenue earned during the above period for such use, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The Section from Dum Dum to Kolkata Airport has been opened for passenger service with effect from 30.07.2006. Total 12,375 nos. passengers travelled during the period from 30.07.06 to 31.07.07 with an earning of Rs.46,380/- (Rupees Forty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty only).

New rail lines in Uttarakhand

†1474. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length in kilometres of new rail lines laid by Indian Railways in hilly areas of the country since Independence, till date and the total length of new rail line laid in hilly areas of Uttarakhand;

(b) whether his Ministry is going to lay down few new rail lines in hilly areas of Uttarakhand in Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Hilly/non hilly areas are not defined and details of railway lines is not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.